

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. An above-ground swimming pool with a rigid structure, comprising a rigid peripheral wall made of a rot-resistant material supported by posts and a flexible waterproof liner arranged in the space defined by the rigid wall made of rot-resistant material and attached to the upper edge of the  
10 said wall, wherein:
  - along their full height, the posts comprise an interior portion made of a rot-resistant material to which the abovementioned rigid wall is secured and an externally projecting portion  
15 having at least two grooves, one on either side, and
  - cladding panels having at least externally at least the appearance of wood are slid into the opposing grooves of two consecutive posts;
  - 20 - the externally projecting portions of the posts being of such dimensions and the grooves being so positioned that there is a gap between the cladding panels and the rigid wall.
- 25 2. An above-ground swimming pool according to Claim 1, having a polygonal general form and wherein the rigid wall is formed from rigid panels made of rot-resistant material each fixed to the respective portions made of rot-resistant material  
30 of successive posts.
- 35 3. An above-ground swimming pool according to Claim 2, wherein said rigid panels made of rot-resistant material comprise lateral edges extending outwards and wherein each rigid panel is engaged between the respective interior portions of two consecutive posts with the extending edges applied to the respective posts and screwed to them, that

face of the rigid panel which is towards the interior of the swimming pool being flush with the respective inward-facing faces of the posts.

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4. An above-ground swimming pool according to Claim 1, wherein said cladding panels are made of a composite wood/polymer material having at least externally the appearance of wood.
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5. An above-ground swimming pool according to Claim 1, wherein said cladding panels are made of wood.
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6. An above-ground swimming pool according to Claim 5, wherein each wooden cladding panel is constructed by stacking several wooden planks on edge.
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7. An above-ground swimming pool according to Claim 1, wherein the externally projecting portion of each post is made of wood.
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8. An above-ground swimming pool according to Claim 1, wherein the externally projecting portion of each post is a section made of a wood/polymer composite material.
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9. An above-ground swimming pool according to Claim 1 to 8, wherein the rigid peripheral wall and the interior portions of the posts made of rot-resistant material are made of metal.
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10. An above-ground swimming pool according to Claim 1, wherein the respective upper edges of the rigid wall and of the cladding panels are situated essentially at the same height and wherein a coping is attached to the upper edge of the cladding panels in such a way that it straddles

said edges of both the rigid metal wall and the cladding panels and the gap between them.

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11. An above-ground swimming pool according to Claim 1, said swimming pool being partly below ground level, wherein cladding panels are arranged only around the above-ground part of the swimming pool.